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Sangster International Airport 2022 - 5K/10K Charity Run-Walk raised US\$30,000 towards Academic Scholarships

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 15 September 2022/MBJ Media// Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, on Saturday, September 10, 2022 hosted the second staging of its 5K and 10K Charity Run/Walk. The event which was first held in 2019 and had attracted over 700 persons, has grown significantly with more than 1,400 registered participants and 60 corporate sponsors for the 2022 staging. The 2022 charity event raised USD 30,500 which will provide academic scholarships for airport staff, children of airport staff, and others in surrounding communities.

The grounds of the Sangster International Airport served as the starting and ending site for the race which kicked off at 5:45am taking participants along the scenic promenade of the Elegant Corridor from the airport to the Flanker's community intersection for 5K participants and to Ironshore in the vicinity of the Blue Diamond Plaza for 10K runners.

In the 10K run the top three male finishers were Keniel Freeburn with a time of 39:54; Dale Morgan was second with 40:31; and Charakorn Chatchawa placed third with 43:47. The top three females were Sabrina Morant 1:04:22; Collette Hall 1:04:40; and Fabiana Byles 1:05:03.

The top three male finishers in the 5K run were Brandon Kerr with a time of 18:53; Gareth Abbott second with 19:33; and Duwayne Webb placed third with 20:09. The top three female finishers in the 5K run were Danielle Terrier 25:31; Abrianna Shaw 27:31; and Joycelyn Gordon 28:24.

For the walkers the top finishers in the 5K male and female events respectively were Noel Wedderburn, Warren Paisley, Lincoln Green; Jullite Reeves, Nadia Dennis, and Christina Fitzcoy. Largest group trophy was awarded to Hospiten with over 60 participants.

The top place finishers won for themselves race trophy and round-trip airline tickets courtesy of platinum sponsors American Airlines and JetBlue; hotel weekend stay from platinum sponsors Couples Resorts, Hyatt, and Secrets Resort; Day passes from sponsors Royalton Hotel and Chukka Adventure Tours; Cell phones (Samsung A32) and top-up contributed by platinum sponsor Digicel Business; Gift Baskets courtesy of Platinum sponsors Caribbean Producers Jamaica (CPJ), Reggae Mart, and Hospiten. The first 1,000 finishers received medals for the cause and awards were given to the oldest female and male entrants who were 82 and 73 years respectively. Running Events Jamaica acted as race organizers for the timed event.

The post-race activities which invited participants to 'stay for the fun' treated patrons to sumptuous breakfast and hydration courtesy of GCG Group, Express Catering, VIP Club Mobay, CPJ, and Catherine's Peak Water. International School of Beauty & Massage Therapy was also on hand pampering racers to post-race massage sessions and stretches. MC, Mark Hamilton of Master of Ceremonies Entertainment kept the crowd entertained with prizes and giveaways from other the event's sponsors.



The Sangster 5K/10K Charity Run-Walk is slated to become an annual event. Sharon Hislop-Holt, MBJ Commercial and Marketing Manager was pleased with the support and participation. “We are hearted by the support received and wish to thank all the sponsors, participants and other agencies for their contribution in making the Run/Walk a success. Based on the response and feedback, the MBJ Team Sangster Charity Run/Walk will become an annual event. We look forward to your continued partnership as we build togetherness, promote health & wellness and continue to provide educational assistance to youths in need within our community. We look forward to hosting the next staging in September 2023”, she stated.

The application for academic scholarships will be published the week of September 19 and once the interview and selection process is completed, the public will be advised of the recipients to whom the run/walk proceeds have been awarded.



About Sangster International Airport:

Sangster International Airport (IATA: MBJ, ICAO: MKJS) is an international airport located 3 mi (4.8 km) east of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The airport is capable of handling nine million passengers per year. It serves as the most popular airport for tourists visiting the north coast of Jamaica. The airport is named after former Jamaican Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, the operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record of 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean’s Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 14 years.

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